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SUBJ: DPC BRIEFING FOR SPANISH OFFICIALS BY

DASD BERGOLD

1. DASD HARRY BERGOLD BRIEFED SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MILITARY OFFICIALS DEC 17, 1974, ON DECEMBER MEETING OF NATO DPC. PRINCIPALS ON SPANISH SIDE WERE NUNIO AGUIRRE DE CARCER, DIRECTOR GENERAL EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS; MARQUES DE PERINAT, DIRECTOR GENERAL NORTH AMERICAN AND FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS; B/GEN RAFAEL GUIMERA, SPANISH ARMY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF; M/GEN CARLOS DOLZ DE ESPEJO, SAF DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF; ADMIRAL LIBERAL LUCCINI, SPANISH NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BASE AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM; AND GEN MATEO MARCOS, SPANISH MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE TO PERMANENT SECRETARY OF US-SPANISH JOINT COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE MATTERS.

2. BERGOLD DESCRIBED SOMBER ATMOSPHERE PREVAILING DURING MEETING IN WAKE OF GREEK-TURKEY CRISIS, EVENTS IN PORTUGAL, AND OIL CRISIS. HE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING A REVIEW OF SOME OF MAJOR SHORTFALLS IN NATO FORCE PLANNING FOR REMAINDER

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OF SEVENTIES, REFERRING TO SECDEF'S REMARKS THAT

TRENDS NOT FAVORABLE TO WEST WHICH MUST EXERT MORE EFFORT LEST SOVIETS GAIN PREPONDERANCE OF POWERS BY EIGHTIES. BERGOLD ALSO REVIEWED MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE CALLING FOR NEW LONG RANGE PHILOSOPHY, MODERNIZATION, AND GREATER EFFECTIVENESS WITH CURRENT RESOURCES AS WELL AS LOGISTICAL CAPABILITY IN EXCESS OF WHAT WARSAW PACT COULD PUT TOGETHER AND MAINTAIN.

3. SPANISH AGAIN INTERESTED IN REACTION OF VARIOUS NATO MEMBERS TO SECDEF'S INTERVENTION AT DPC COPY OF WHICH BERGOLD PROVIDED TO SPANISH DIRECTOR GENERAL EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC AFFAIRS NUNIO AGUIRRE DE CARCER. AGUIRRE DE CARCER LATER TOLD CHARGE HE WAS GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO PASS STATEMENT ON TO FONMIN CORTINA BEFORE LATTER'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSION OF SPANISH CORTES (PARLIAMENT). AGUIRRE TOLD CHARGE CORTINA READ STATEMENT TO COMMISSION MEMBERS WHO REACTED VERY FAVORABLY.

4. ARMY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF GUIMERA ASKED ABOUT NATO REACTION TO GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO. BERGOLD REPLIED THAT IT WAS CLEAR GREEKS HAVE NOT WITHDRAWN IN FRENCH MANNER. GREECE HAS COMMON FRONTIER WITH WARSAW PACT MEMBER WITH NO BUFFER.

5. AGUIRRE DE CARCER EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BRITISH DEFENSE REVIEW WHICH INCLUDED OBJECTIVE TO LEAVE MEDITERRANEAN, BUT BRITISH DECISION TO REMAIN NONETHELESS FOR NATO REASONS.

6. COMMENT: SPANISH APPEARED PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH EXCELLENT BRIEFINGS PROVIDED BY BERGOLD AS WELL AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE LOWENSTEIN WHO BRIEFED EARLIER ON HIGHLIGHTS OF NATO NAC MEETING. MFA HOSTED LUNCH FOR AMERICAN VISITORS AND EMBASSY PARTICIPANTS. ASSISTANT SECRETARY LOWENSTIEN WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND BECAUSE OF PRIOR TRAVEL COMMITMENTS. WORTH NOTING IN THE CONTEXT IS COMMENT TO EMBOFF BY MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS (PERINAT) SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE BRIEFING TO EFFECT
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THAT SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY LOSING ENTHUSIASM FOR THESE PERIOIC BRIEFINGS BECAUSE THEY HAVE EFFECT OF WHITEWASHING CENTRAL ISSUE, NOW BEING RAISED BY SPAIN IN CURRENT BASE TALKS, OF SPAIN'S LACK OF LINKS TO NATO THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR REGULAR FLOW OF REQUIRED SECURITY INFORMATION TO SPAIN. WARMTH OF SPANISH RECEPTION OF US BRIEFERS AND POSITIVE REACTION TO THEIR PRESENTATIONS DID NOT SUGGEST ANY DECLINE

OF ENTHUSIASM.
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